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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP ART UNIT 3724**

In re Application of:

Noriyoshi UEDA, et al.

Application No.: 10/654,986

Filed: September 5, 2003

For: SHEET PUNCHING DEVICE AND  
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS  
HAVING THE SAME

Docket No. 03500.014620.1

Confirmation No.: 5648

Examiner: Omar Flores-Sanchez

Group Art Unit: 3724

Date: April 12, 2006

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Commissioner for Patents  
Post Office Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an **Amendment After Final Rejection** in the above-identified application.

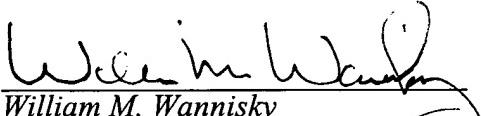
No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	10	MINUS	20	= 0	x \$25 \$50	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	2	MINUS	3	= 0	x \$100 \$200	\$0.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$180°/\$360						\$0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT---						\$0.00

- Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.
- A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
- Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the fee for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.
- Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
AND  
AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Sir:

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Official Action dated November 16, 2005, to April 16, 2006. A check in the amount of \$450.00 for payment of the two-month (2-month) extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application,  
as follows.